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20. (New) The image conversion apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said image conversion to further make the intermediate image into the set number of pixels performs conversion at a rate of x (wherein $1 > x > \frac{1}{2}$).

21. (New) The image conversion method according to claim 1, wherein a first type of interpolation performs high-speed conversion and a second type of interpolation, which is performed subsequent to said first type, is for preserving image quality.

22. (New) The image conversion method according to claim 10, wherein a first type of interpolation performs high-speed conversion and a second type of interpolation, which is performed subsequent to said first type, is for preserving image quality.--
